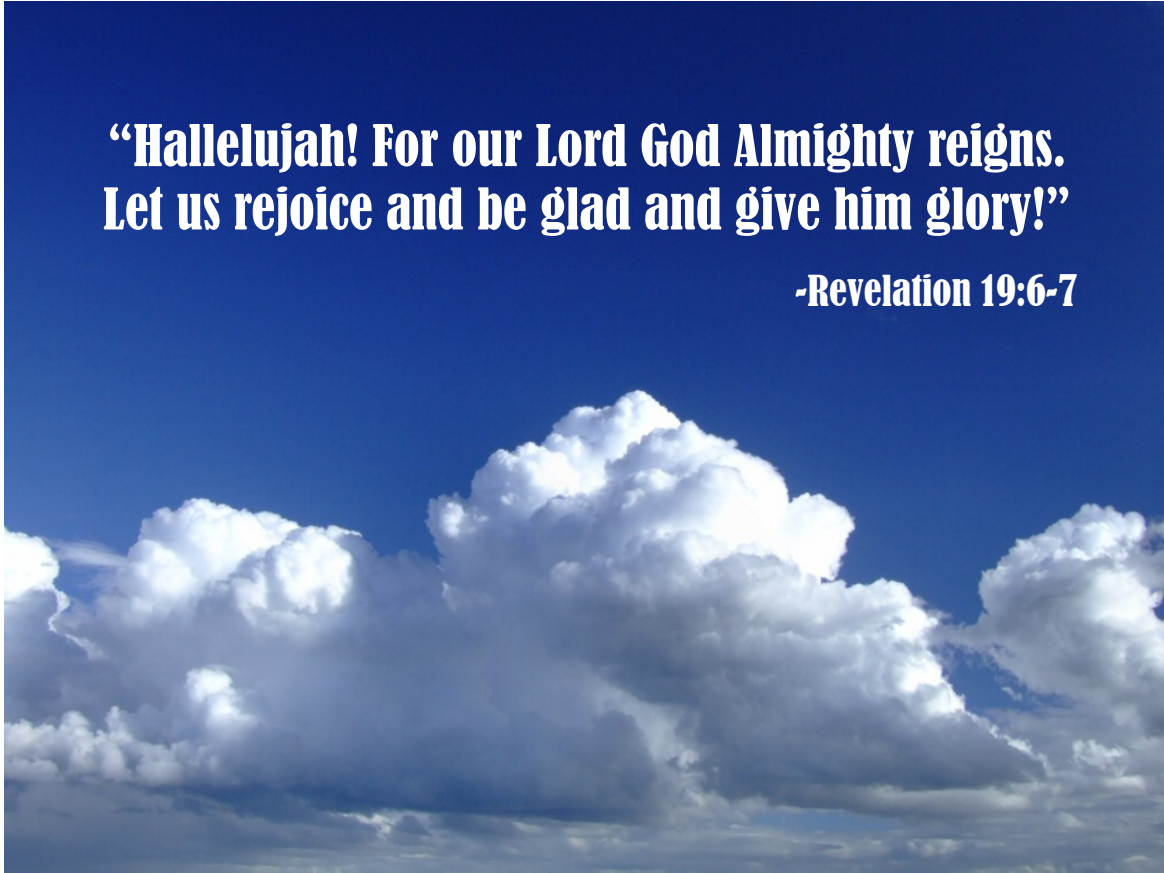


Third Sunday of End Time Saints Triumphant

November 13, 2011

**“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!”**

-Revelation 19:6-7



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16

DIVINE SERVICE I
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden
Christian Worship #214

STAND

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us.



Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the



high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. *(music)* Lord Je - sus



Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:15-28

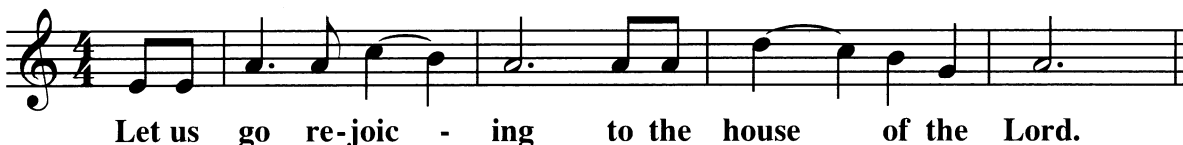
The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, ‘Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.’ Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, ‘Ephraim’s stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.’ Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand. When your countrymen ask you, ‘Won’t you tell us what you mean by this?’ say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim’s hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah’s stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.’ Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never

again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84

Refrain



Psalm Tone



*

- 1. How lovely is your / dwelling place,*
O LORD Al- / mighty!
- 2. My soul yearns, / even faints,*
for the courts / of the LORD.
- 3. Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;*
they are ever / praising you.

Refrain

- 4. Better is one day / in your courts*
than a thousand / elsewhere;

- 5. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of
my God*
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
- 6. O LORD Al- / mighty,*
blessed are they who / trust in you.
- 7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.” The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: “Amen, Hallelujah!” Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you

Revelation 19:1-9

who fear him, both small and great!” Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 7:15a

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

There is a Higher Throne
Arranged by Bruce Greer

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us

some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.’”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

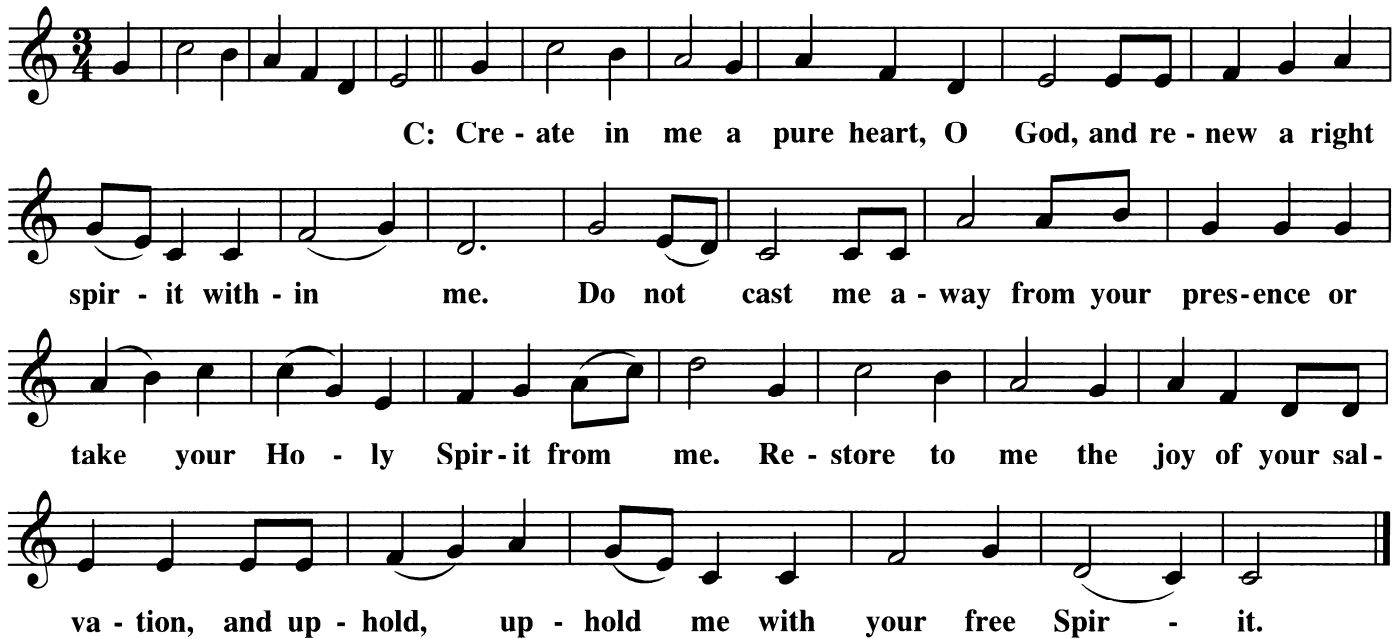
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Christian Worship #206

SERMON

Revelation 19:1-9
Hallelujah! For Our Lord God Almighty Reigns

STAND

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

Jerusalem the Golden
Arr. by Valerie Floeter

10:00 AM

Blessed Assurance
Soloist: Earnestine Goodlow
Guitar: Jim Goldie, Piano: Elaine Goldie

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN (*see page 8*)

Blessed Are They
Christian Worship Supplement #730

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See
Christian Worship Supplement #219

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

There is a Higher Throne
Christian Worship Supplement #727

10:00 AM

Wake, O Wake, with Tidings Thrilling (Wachet Auf)
By John Marsh

730

Blessed Are They

Refrain

Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless - ed are
 they which are called, Bless - ed are they which are
 called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses

1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes,
 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst,
 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry,
 4 Ser - vant, saint, mar - tyr at rest,
 5 Wor - thy are you, Lamb of God,

From ev - 'ry na - tion and tongue,
 Death, sor - row, pain van - quished now,
 Un - to the Lamb that was slain,
 Sanc - ti - fied, ran - somed, re - stored,
 To re - ceive glo - ry and praise.

Stood be - fore God and the Lamb At the
 God wipes all tears from their eyes By the
 Re - deem - ing us with his blood In the
 Thun - d'rous - ly sing a new song Of the
 Al - le - lu - ia and a - men! For the

mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 2*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 4*
 mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
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This hymn echoes the song of victory sung by the saints both now and in eternity.

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Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanist Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)
Handbell Choir Director Jenna Denzler (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly

Altar flowers have been given by the Long family in celebration of Adrienne Snavelly's 35th birthday—we love you!

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23, 24
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 27:27-31

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Rejoice in the Return of the King!

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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Weirs & Rentschlers. Please join us in the courtyard.

Thanksgiving Worship

You are invited to a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM at Grace. **This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to attend.** Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. Members, please bring a pie or dessert to share.

Advent Services and Suppers

We will celebrate Midweek Advent Services on November 30, December 7, and December 14. We will have a morning Advent service at 10:00 AM and an evening service at 7:00 PM. You are also invited to join us for supper at 6:00 PM before the evening service. We do need some volunteers to host the meals (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help in this way! There is also an additional sheet with more information about hosting a meal.

This Week's Schedule (11/13/11 - 11/20/11)

Today

- Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *The Life of Christ: The Baptism of Jesus* 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship.....
- Vail Canvassing Workshop in Fellowship Hall** 11:11a
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study 7:00p

Monday

- Financial Peace University in Vail 12:00p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

- Council Meeting** 5:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 10:00a
- Wind Ensemble..... 5:30p
- **NO** Handbells Practice.....
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 6:45p
- Bible Study in Vail: *Prepared to Answer* 7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Study: *Prayer* 9:00a
- Financial Peace University at Grace 6:30p
- Worship Choir..... 6:30p
- Men's Fellowship..... 7:30p

Friday

- Kuehl/Cashion Wedding Rehearsal at Grace..... 4:00p

Saturday

- Vail Canvassing Blitz in Rita Ranch** 9:00a
- Pioneer Activity..... 10:00a

Sunday

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- Kuehl/Cashion Wedding** 3:00p
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study 7:00p

Friends & Family Sunday is Coming Soon

Sunday, November 27 will be our second Friends & Family Sunday. This is a great opportunity for you to invite an unchurched friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker. We would love to get to know them. Perhaps Grace is the church they've been looking for!

Pastor Koelpin Accepts Call

Pastor Phil Koelpin of Redeemer Lutheran Church has accepted a call to serve as one of the pastors at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. We thank God for Pastor Koelpin's faithful proclamation of the gospel for 22 years here in Tucson. He will be in Tucson through the end of the year. Redeemer will be calling a new pastor at the beginning of December. Please keep Pastor and Mrs. Koelpin and the Redeemer congregation in your prayers during this time of transition.

70½ Years Old? Have An IRA?

If you are 70½ years old and have an IRA—or you know someone in that situation—there is something you need to know about before the end of the year. Grace has invited Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives to provide a very brief explanation to you of how to manage this unique tax situation well. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. They will be with us on **Sunday, December 4th at 11:15 AM** in the fellowship hall. This is a free professional service provided to Grace members and friends. You do not need to be a Thrivent member to attend this short presentation. As managers of God's gifts with the desire to be smart about handling money, you will appreciate this opportunity!

Canvassing in Vail



Today after the 10:00 AM service Pastor Rieke will hold a Canvassing Workshop in the Fellowship Hall for our upcoming canvassing 'blitz' for Grace-Vail. This workshop will go through our canvassing strategy in Vail, and also show how painless knocking on doors can be. This will be in preparation for our fourth canvassing 'blitz' in Rita Ranch this Saturday, November 19 @ 9:00AM. We will have at least 5 canvassing blitzes before our first monthly service on December 11. Anybody is welcome to attend, and by attending the Canvassing Workshop you are not committing to

anything. But following the workshop Pastor Rieke will look for commitments for the November 19 blitz. This is a great way to serve and have some fun at the same time, hopefully many can make it. Listed below are more of the upcoming workshops and blitzes:

<u>Canvassing Workshop</u>	<u>Canvassing Blitz</u>
Today, November 13 @ 11:11AM	Saturday, November 19 @ 9:00AM
Sunday, November 27 @ 11:11AM	Saturday, December 3 @ 9:00AM

Men's Fellowship This Week

Men's Fellowship will meet for an informal gathering this Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join us, to get to know each other better, and to support and encourage one another. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for Bible study as well.

Christmas Candy for Mission to the Children

Mission to the Children is in need of candy to take to the children in Mexico for the upcoming Christmas parties in early December. Individually wrapped small candies are preferred. If you are able to help, please contact the church office at 623-663.

Support the Lifeliners

The Lifeliners, members of our high school youth group, are selling Entertainment Coupon Books (\$30) and Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 or 2 for \$15). Visit their table in the Courtyard to make your purchase. All proceeds support Lifeliner activities, including travel to the 2012 WELS International Youth Rally.

Zanotti Christmas Party

Members of Grace are invited to the home of Shirley & Tony Zanotti (7847 E. Jack Oak Road) Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 PM for a Christmas party. Food and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by November 27 to the Zanottis at 722-7036.

Anniversary Scrapbook CD's

There are cd's available of the 100th Anniversary Scrapbook if you were unable to view it during the anniversary celebrations. The cd's are \$1 each and include all the pictures that are found in the scrapbook. The cd's can be purchased from the Kramms, Goruds, or Rauhs on Sunday mornings. Please contact Diane Kramm if you have any questions at 743-5134.

Forward in Christ Article

In the November 2011 edition of the Forward in Christ, there is an article on our Grace Vail Mission (page 22)! There are a few extra copies in the church office if you would like to pick one up for yourself.